



Broward County

Legislation Text

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Broward County Commission Regular Meeting

Director's Name: Dale V.C. Holness

Department: County Commission

Information

Requested Action

MOTION TO ADOPT Resolution, the title of which is as follows: (Commissioner Holness)

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, URGING PRESIDENT BIDEN TO REDESIGNATE HAITI FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Why Action is Necessary

Formal Board approval is necessary for the adoption of a Resolution.

What Action Accomplishes

Enables the adoption of the above Resolution.

Is this Action Goal Related

No

Previous Action Taken

Summary Explanation/Background

Shortly after the January 12, 2010, earthquake, which killed thousands of Haitians and resulted in the near-total collapse of Port au Prince's infrastructure, the Department of Homeland Security designated Haiti for Temporary Protected Status ("TPS"). Since then, TPS for Haiti has been renewed for periods of six to 18 months. Haiti has yet to recover from the 2010 earthquake, a cholera epidemic, and the devastation of Hurricane Matthew.

TPS designation for Haiti was terminated by the Trump Administration and the validity of TPS-related documentation for beneficiaries under TPS for Haiti will expire on October 4, 2021. Haiti continues to face numerous challenges, including recent political unrest, the COVID-19 pandemic, and an uptick in violence. The failure to redesignate Haiti for TPS will create tremendous hardship for Haiti and Haitians currently living in the United States under TPS.

The proposed Resolution urges President Biden to redesignate Haiti for TPS for a period of no less than 18 months.

Source of Additional Information

Heidi Richards, Chief of Staff, District 9, 954-357-7009

Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary

None.